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1. ASIDE FROM BANNER HEADLINE CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET
"MEMORANDUM" ON EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS (SEPTELS),
SEVERAL OTHER ANTI-LIBYAN ITEMS CROP UP IN APRIL 28 CAIRO
DAILIES.

2. ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT TWO LIBYAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS,
WHO HAVE BEEN HELD IN PRISON FOR FOUR YEARS FOR OPPOSITION
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TO QADHAFI, NOW SCHEDULED FOR EXECUTION. IN ADDITION,
SEVERAL OTHER LIBYAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS RECENTLY
SENTENCED TO LONG AND HARSH PRISON TERMS. ALSO ON INTERNAL
LIBYAN FRONT, DAILIES GLEEFULLY REPORT THAT OPPOSITION
TO QADHAFI HAS REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT LIBYAN GOVERN-
MENT FORCED TO SEIZE ALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION CURRENTLY
POSESSED BY LIBYAN DESERT TRIBES.

3. CAIRO AIRPORT HAS REPORTEDLY RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM LIBYAN GOVERNMENT TO BE READY TO RECEIVE TEN AIRPLANES DAILY CARRYING EGYPTIAN EXPELLEES FROM LIBYA. CAIRO AIRPORT AUTHORITIES HAVE APPARENTLY INFORMED LIBYA OF GOE READINESS TO RECEIVE ANY NUMBER OF PLANES THAT LIBYA CARES TO SEND. ARTICLES ALSO STATE THAT GROUP OF EGYPTIAN WORKERS EMPLOYED IN TRIPOLI MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ARRIVED IN CAIRO EARLY APRIL 28. EXPELLEES STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED IN TRIPOLI THAT LIBYANS HAVE ORDERED TERMINATION OF ALL CONTRACTS OF EGYPTIAN WORKERS IN LIBYA.

4. ASIDE FROM EXTENSIVE EDITORIAL DENUNCIATIONS IN ALL DAILIES OF SOVIET/LIBYAN/COLLUSION, AKHBAR WEIGHS IN WITH EDITORIAL REGRETTING THAT ARAB PRESS FORCED TO DEVOTE SO MUCH SPACE TO DASTARDLY DEEDS OF LIBYAN "MAD MAN". AKHBAR ADMITS THAT QADHAFI PROBABLY SEEKS PUBLICITY WHICH ARAB NEWSPAPERS SO RELUCTANTLY FORCED TO GRANT HIM, BUT QADHAFI'S CURRENT NOTORIETY ONLY PROVIDES HIM OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER HISTORY "THROUGH ONE OF ITS DARKEST DOORS."

5. COMMENT: WITH IRE OF EGYPTIAN PRESS CLEARLY FOCUSED ON SOVIET DEMARCHE IN DEFENSE OF LIBYA, OTHER ANTI-LIBYA ITEMS APRIL 28 APPEAR MERELY GOING THROUGH ROUTINE ANTI-LIBYAN MOTIONS.
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